

# **Kent County CEDS Committee**

## ***Structure & Governance***

The Kent County Committee will comprise approximately 18 members representing a variety of socioeconomic backgrounds and a wide range of local businesses, nonprofits, and public-sector organizations. Several committee members, including two designated co-chairs will also serve on the State Committee. The Kent County Committee will serve for one year with reinstatement determined annually.

## ***Roles & Responsibilities***

### **Role of the Committee**

The Kent County CEDS Committee, through the appointment of citizen members, will employ the same participatory decision-making process as the Sussex and New Castle County Committees. Work performed and recommendations made by the committee are done so separately and independently of the other two county committees; however, like those made by the Sussex and New Castle County Committees, recommendations made by the Kent Committee will ascend to the statewide CEDS Committee for ultimate review and prioritization.

### **Role of the Committee Chairs**

Committee chairs will serve as consensus-builders and team leaders among committee members. Chairs will provide information and advice to the committees based on their experience in and expertise of county- and state-wide issues. While chairs are encouraged to guide discussions and assessments of issues, they will rely on assigned committee meeting facilitators to lead meeting agenda activities.

## ***Meeting Format and Outcomes***

### **NCC CEDS Committee Meetings**

Kent County Committee meeting agendas are pre-determined so as to address the project's four main elements: analysis, vision, action plan, and evaluation. Committee meetings will be open to the public, with time provided for open comment and discussion after primary committee activities have been addressed. Committees may be advised and encouraged by committee meeting facilitators to break into smaller working groups and participate in outcome-focused exercises.

### **Current Committee Activities and Outcomes**

The first Kent County Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2005 at Delaware Technical & Community College, Terry Campus, Dover